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A Persuasive Paragraph Based on Graphics, Statistics, Charts, and Political Cartoons

Now, you are going to write a PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPH that uses data and statistics from the graphs to prove a point. First, practice making OPINION-based statements that have FACTS from these charts to support them.

Examples:

It is harder to be poor in 2014 than in previous times in America.

Poverty affects people differently depending on the regions where they live in the United States.

Supplemental assistance is given to families with children more than other individuals because households with children face significant challenges.

Now create 3 of your own OPINIONATED statements that can be supported by facts from the data/statistics we have learned.

1.

2.

3.

Brainstorm: This assignment also requires that you use examples from Make Lemonade and "Hidden in America" to support your claims and analysis. What specific examples may be useful to you?

1.

2.

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To create a PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPH, you need to

- CRAFT a MAIN IDEA STATEMENT, and
- ADD supportive DATA or STATISTICS,
- EXPLAIN THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR DATA/STATISTICS,
- USE EXAMPLES OR REFERENCES to Make Lemonade or “Hidden in America”
- RESTATE your MAIN IDEA.
- CITE the source of your data/statistics by the Document Number.

Low Model/Example: Here is an example that represents about an AVERAGE to BELOW AVERAGE GRADE for the assignment. Use your proofreading and analytical skills to find areas whether there are grammatical errors, punctuation mistakes, and general or vague details.

MAIN IDEA STATEMENT

People who work for a higher wage can stay above poverty. In some places in the united states people can earn a yearly income that allows them to keep their families off of welfare.

SUPPORTING DATA/STATISTICS

The US poverty line for three people is about \$20,000 (Document One). However, San Francisco has a higher minimum wage; it is \$10.55 an hour (Document Two). This means that a person working in san francisco for a whole year will make almost \$22,000 and be in a better position to take care of their family.

EXPLANATION

The higher wage in San Francisco helps the worker stay above the poverty line.

SUPPORTING DATA/STATISTICS

However, if that same person lives and works in state that has a state minimum wage of \$9.32 an hour, they would earn only \$19,386 per year. This means that the person would be below the poverty line (Documents One and Two).

EXPLANATION

Even though the worker lives in a state with a minimum wage that is higher than the federal minimum wage, it is not enough to lift a three-person family unit like Jolly’s above the poverty line. These state workers need an even higher minimum wage to keep them above the poverty guideline.

CONCLUSION AND ANALYSIS

The rates that cities and states adopt for their minimum wage make a real difference in whether a person and his or her family unit can escape poverty. In a city where there is a significantly higher minimum wage, workers are better able to meet the needs of his or her family and earn enough money to keep them out of poverty.

High Model/Example: Here is an example that represents about an AVERAGE to ABOVE AVERAGE GRADE for the assignment. Use your proofreading and analytical skills to find areas whether there are grammatical and punctuation corrections, and specific or enhanced details.

MAIN IDEA STATEMENT

Workers who live in a city that has a very high minimum wage are able to stay above the poverty line. In certain U. S. minimum wage workers can earn a yearly income that allows them to keep their family unit off of the welfare rolls.

SUPPORTING DATA/STATISTICS

In 2014, the poverty guideline for a family of three was set at \$19,790 by the Health and Human Services (Document One). However, in 2014, the city of San Francisco set a minimum wage that is much higher than the federal minimum wage. In fact, San Francisco's minimum wage is \$10.55 an hour, more than three dollars or about 45% more than the minimum wage set by the federal government (Document Two). For a family unit of three people, this means that a person working a minimum wage job in San Francisco who works 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year, will make \$21,944 and be in a better position to take care of his or her family.

EXPLANATION

The higher minimum wage in San Francisco creates a significant increase in the family's annual income and keeps them above the 2014 poverty line.

SUPPORTING DATA/STATISTICS

However, if that same person lives and works in Washington state, like Bill Januson from "Hidden in America," which has the highest state minimum wage of \$9.32 an hour, he or she would earn only \$19,386 per year which is still below the 2014 poverty guideline (Documents One and Two).

EXPLANATION

Even though the worker lives in a state with a minimum wage that is about two dollars above the federal minimum wage, it is not enough to lift a family unit like Jolly's above the poverty line. Workers in all states need an even higher minimum wage to keep them above the poverty guideline.

CONCLUSION AND ANALYSIS

The rates that cities and states in the United States adopt for their minimum wage make a real difference in whether a person and his or her family unit can escape poverty. In a city where there is a significantly higher minimum wage, workers are better able to meet the needs of their family and earn enough money to keep them out of poverty.

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Now create your own PERSUASIVE PARAGRAPH on a topic you have chosen.

MAIN IDEA STATEMENT

Examples of textual support that connect to main idea:

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Documents are cited? Yes or No (circle after checking)